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PASS FAS/ USDA/FCA MEEKER: LIVESTOCK MACKIE.

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SUBJECT: NZ LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

1. LATEST AVAILABLE FIGURES NZ SLAUGHTER OCTOBER THROUGH
FEBRUARY 9 IN 000 KILOGRAMS:

	1974	1975	PERCENTAGE CHANGE
BOBBY CALVES	1,759	2,790	PLUS 56.6
VEALERS	2,854	2,854	EVEN
HEIFERS	13,453	18,776	PLUS 39.6
STEERS	49,843	66,526	PLUS 33.5
COWS	32,620	28,660	MINUS 12.1
BULLS	20,021	22,499	PLUS 12.4
ADULT CATTLE TOTAL	115,938	136,463	PLUS 17.7
LAMBS	156,607	162,454	PLUS 3.7
ADULT SHEEP	59,827	37,042	MINUS 38.0

2. KILL THROUGH JAN 12 SHOWED LAMBS MINUS 7.0 PERCENT,
ADULT SHEEP 24.9, BOBBY CALVES PLUS 47.3 AND ADULT CATTLE PLUS
30.0 PER CENT AS COMPARED TO PREVIOUS SEASON. SLAUGHTER ADULT
CATTLE OFF SHARPLY SINCE MIDDLE JANUARY AWAITING NEW NZMPB SCHEDULE
OCT 1, 1975.

3. NZMPB MET TO WORK OUT NEW SUPPORT SCHEDULE FOR BEEF TO KEEP
PRODUCTION GOING IN PLANTS AND AVOID CRUCH COME OCTOBER 1.

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DETAILS NOT RELEASED PENDING GOVERNMENT APPROVAL AS GOVERNMENT

FUNDS WILL BE INVOLVED.

4. NZMPB MEMBER FEELING OUT AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE REGARDING US POSITION ON SUBSIDIES FOR BEEF PRODUCERS. MEMBER EXPLAINED THAT ONLY PRODUCER FUNDS FROM BOARDS RESERVES USED SO FAR TO SUPPORT BEEF MARKET. THESE FUNDS WITHHELD FROM PRODUCERS ON MEAT MARKETED.

5. ATTACHE AWAITING EXAMINATION OF SUBSTANCE OF PLAN WHEN ANNOUNCED AND WILL FORWARD PROPOSAL BY CABLE ASAP.

6. AWAITING DIRECTIONS ON HOW WANT TO PROCEED.
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